

124. (New) The microphone assembly according to claim 119 further comprising at least two protective screens located between an inner surface of the case and the at least two microphones.

125. (New) The microphone assembly according to claim 120 further comprising a covering located on at least a portion of a pick-up side of the acoustical barrier.

A2 126. (New) The microphone assembly according to claim 118 wherein the at least two microphones have low-frequency cutoff frequencies that are closely matched.

127. (New) The microphone assembly according to claim 126 wherein closely matched comprises mismatches of no greater than approximately 1/15 of the 300Hz lower frequency limit of a useful assembly frequency range.

REMARKS

In response to the 8-way restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner, Applicant elects Group V (i.e., claims 64-71). Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-63 and 72-93 without prejudice. Applicant has also added new claims 94-127, which are directed to elected Group V.

Applicant has also amended the specification to move the first paragraph of the Brief Summary of the Invention section so that is now the last paragraph of that section.

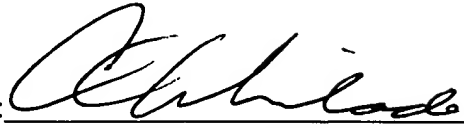
Applicant believes that claims 64-71 and 94-127 are in condition for allowance.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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